

UTAH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, October 16, 2015

Provo, Utah

The October meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Commissioner J. Kent Millington in the Provo City Council Chambers, located at 351 West Center Street, Provo, Utah. The Commissioners and UDOT staff members introduced themselves, and Commissioner Millington recognized Brigitte Mandel from FHWA and Mayors Curtis and Hadfield from Provo and American Fork, respectively.

The following were in attendance:

Shane Marshall, Deputy Director
Carlos Braceras, Executive Director
Naghi Zeenati, Commissioner
Wayne Barlow, Commissioner
J. Kent Millington, Commissioner
Meghan Holbrook, Commissioner
Dannie McConkie, Commissioner
Gayle McEachnie, Commissioner
Heather Barthold, Commission Assistant
LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Assistant
Randy Park, Project Development Director
Teri Newell, Region Three Director
Jason Davis, Operations Director
Brent Schvaneveldt, Region Three
Aaron Pinkerton, Region Three
Joe Walker, Communications Director
John Gleason, Communications
Kris Peterson, Region One Director
Cory Pope, Program Development Director
Lisa Zundel, Region Two
Bob Pelly, Program Development
Becky Bradshaw, Finance Director
Linda Hull, Director of Policy and Legislative Services
Bill Lawrence, Program Development

Brigitte Mandel, FHWA
Cecil Davis, GPS
Danny Stasolla, GPS
Jamie Evans, Evans Grader and Paving
Waleed Khalid, Wilson and Co.
Lee Davidson, Salt Lake Tribune
Mark Freeman, Stanley Consultants
Pete Marshall, HNTB
Bob Clegg, AECOM
Mayor J. H. Hadfield, American Fork City
Tracy Conti, Horrocks
Mayor John Curtis, Provo City
Tyler Yorgason, Jacobs
Russ Youd, Horrocks
Christopher McClelland, OLAG
Matthew Harvey, OLAG
Evan Nixon, Civil Science
Gary Winterton, Provo City
Dave Nazare, HDR Engineering
Aimee McKinlay, CRS Engineers
Brian Voeks, Utah County
Andrew Gemperline, Avenue Consultants
Daniel Fanvell, Region Three
Dave Schwartz, Region Two

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 Transportation Commission Tour and Staff Update Meeting, and the September 11, 2015 Transportation Commission Meeting. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

LOCAL AREA PRESENTATION BY REGION THREE

Teri Newell, Region Three Director, thanked the Commissioners for attending the previous day's tour, and asked for any comments to be sent to her. She explained that the tour was a little different than usual and that the intent was to give the group an understanding of development issues and other things that influence new transportation projects. Teri explained how Region Three is using uPlan Story Maps to describe whole corridors and discuss the projects within those corridors. She demonstrated how the Story Maps work as she gave presentations on the US-40 and I-15 corridors.

Brent Schvaneveldt, Region Three Program Manager, presented developments and studies happening in southern Utah County through the Unified and Long Range Plans, which included interchanges in Orem, Springville, Spanish Fork and Payson. He also discussed how UDOT is looking at how to ease congestion and move traffic more effectively by looking at Utah County's parallel routes to I-15, managed motorways/coordinated ramp meters, and future vehicle technologies.

uPlan story maps can be accessed through Region Three's web page

(<http://www.udot.utah.gov/main/f?p=100:pg:0:::V,T:,61>), under “Helpful Links”. In the future, Region Three hopes to have stories for other major corridors like US-6, US-89 and SR-73.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Provo Mayor John Curtis emphasized how well received UDOT, as a State agency is in Provo and Utah County. He said the Department’s credibility is extremely high. He voiced his thanks for the good working relationship the Department and Provo City have, and his appreciation for Region Three’s leadership and their ability to find solutions with limited resources.

American Fork Mayor James Hadfield gave thanks for the work that UDOT does. He commented on how well the two Diverging Diamond Interchanges (DDIs) that the city has accommodates traffic, and how few accidents there are. He voiced his concern about UTA bus traffic going to and from the FrontRunner Park and Ride lot is ruining County roads because of steering axle weight. He is displeased by UTA’s reply that they would relocate the bus stop to Thanksgiving Point or the Provo station, instead of repairing and maintaining the County roads, as requested. He asked UDOT to go back to the long range plan to consider doing improvements on the north end of the Vineyard Connector to access the FrontRunner Station. He said the right of way has been obtained, growth will continue, and more people will want to access that mode of transportation halfway between Provo Main Station and Thanksgiving Point.

Carlos Braceras, UDOT Executive Director, asked Teri to bring up a map to show and discuss the Vineyard Connector in relationship to the Park and Ride lot to show the area Mayor Hadfield was referring to. Multiple alignments and the possibility of a property exchange with UTA so a bus could access the station from Pioneer Crossing were discussed. If an exchange option can be found, the decision would be made by the Commission.

Jamie Evans commented on SR-92 and how the area has developed. He said he believes the West Side Connector will be the next spot like that, and that the road to the airport will help Provo.

UDOT SCOREBOARD

Randy Park, Project Development Director, gave the Construction Program Report. In the last month, 24 projects were advertised in Regions One, Two and Three, totaling 99 million dollars. Most of the projects are preservation work that will be done next spring, and most are federally funded. There are currently 23 active projects.

Jason Davis, Director of Operations, gave the Safety Program Report. He explained that in order to get a better analysis of what’s causing crashes and what corrections can be made, serious injury crashes are now being looked at along with fatalities, and the vulnerable roadway users – bikes, pedestrians, motorcycles, etc. – have been combined to one chart.

RESOLUTION

SR-11 (US-89) Abandonment in Richfield

On behalf of Lyle McMillan, Director of Right of Way and Property Development, Shane Marshall, UDOT Deputy Director, presented a resolution to abandon a piece of property in Richfield. He pulled up a map and explained the history of two small abutting pieces of property; one belongs to the State, and UDOT has an easement on the other piece through Sevier County. The requested action is to abandon the right-of-way of the second piece and have it revert back to Sevier County. UDOT would keep and surplus the other property.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the property abandonment. Commissioner Barlow seconded, and the resolution passed.

AREA AIRPORTS AND TRANSIT UPDATE

Bill Lawrence, Program Finance Director, gave an update on local area airports including Heber, Provo and Spanish Fork. He also provided an update on local area transit, including Park City Transit, Payson City Senior Citizens, and United Way Services of Provo.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

2016 STIP Amendment #1

Funding Adjustment at Post Construction – US-40; MP 130.6 to 136.16

Bill Lawrence reviewed a project on US-40, just west of Vernal, that has entered the closeout process. Requested action is to reduce Transportation Investment Funds (TIF) on the project by 1.4 million dollars to go back into the TIF cash flow to be available for reprogramming.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the reduction of the TIF funding, as reviewed. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion, and the request was approved.

SR-199; Dugway to SR-36 – Project Extension

Bill Lawrence explained that in August, the Commission approved combining two hot-in-place recycling projects on SR-199 and SR-196, which resulted in significant cost savings of approximately \$4 million. The scope of work included SR-199, from SR-36 to Dugway, and SR-196, between milepost 0 and 6. Requested action is approval of additional scope of work to extend the project limits on SR-196 up to milepost 4. Extensions would be included as additives to the project, with the base extension from milepost 6 to 18, and additives 1, 2 and 3 being from milepost 18-20, 20-22 and 22-24, respectively.

Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. The request to extend the project was approved.

5900 South; State Street to 700 West – Funding Addition

Bill Lawrence said Region Two is requested a funding adjustment on the 5900 South, State Street to 700 West project. The additional funding is coming from Murray City to cover additional costs to the base project at their request.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Zeenati seconded. The request to add additional funds from Murray City was approved.

Highland Drive & Minuteman Drive – Project Cancellation

Bill Lawrence presented Region Two and WFRC's request to cancel a project at Highland Drive and Minuteman Drive. The work is being incorporated into The Point project, and funding will go back to WFRC.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Barlow seconded. The request to cancel the project and return the funds to WFRC was approved.

Highland Drive; Spring Lane to Fardown Avenue – Funding Adjustment

Bill Lawrence explained that Holladay City received earmarked funds to do transportation projects. The original modification project of Village Center left a balance of over \$630,000 that the city would like to add to the Highland Drive; Spring Lane to Fardown Avenue Intersection project.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Barlow seconded. The request to add funds to the Highland Drive project was approved.

Aeronautics – 2016-2020 ACIP - Program Adjustments

Bill Lawrence explained that Kanab is in the process of building a new airport terminal, which will be complete by the end of the year, but they are short of funds needed to build a new electrical vault. FAA

will not be able to provide funding until 2018 when a Runway Rehabilitation Project is planned.

The Commission had previously approved a FY 2017 ACIP pavement preservation project, and today's request is to take money from that project and apply it to the electrical vault construction work so it can be completed by the end of the year. FAA will provide funding in 2018 to do the scheduled preservation as part of the Runway Rehabilitation Project.

Commissioner Barlow approved to make the program adjustment as detailed. Commissioner Zeenati seconded and the request was approved.

WASATCH FRONT CENTRAL CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

Lisa Zundel, the Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study (WFCCS) project manager, gave an update on the study. She explained that WFCCS is a multi-agency collaborative effort between MAG, UDOT, UTA and WFRM to recommend integrated transportation solutions for the central I-15 and FrontRunner corridor between now and 2050, to accommodate Utah's growing population.

Lisa presented the study's challenges, project goals and schedule. A final recommendation package will be delivered at the end of 2016, which will then be incorporated into each MPO's planning process for their regional transportation plans. Stakeholder and community outreach and feedback incorporation will continue throughout the process.

Commissioner Barlow asked about how mode balance would be increased, rather than just improved. He shared his thought that "improve" or "change" would be better wording than "increase". Lisa explained that our mode balance is shifted towards single occupancy vehicles, and we are looking at improving the balance for a more even split between the use of roadways and transit, because as the population grows and more land is settled, our ability to widen or build new roads decreases.

A discussion about the north and south project limits was had, and Lisa and her team were asked to recommend some early action projects. It is anticipated that the project team will come back to the Commission in a few months to present recommendations.

STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT PROGRAM POLICY

Linda Hull, Director of Policy and Legislative Services, presented a draft policy to reinforce and reaffirm the legal independence of the Transportation Commission member appointed to serve on the UTA board.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve, and Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion. Policy UTC 01-02: State Safety Oversight Program for Rail Transit Agencies was passed and adopted by the Utah Transportation Commission.

ROW PROJECT UPDATE

Shane Marshall gave an update on UDOT's Right of Way project on behalf of Lyle McMillan. The project will document all properties owned by the Department throughout the State, and create a GIS map to show exactly what and where the properties are.

Before requesting funding to facilitate the full project in all 29 counties, a pilot project will take place in Summit and Morgan counties so the Department can better understand the cost and time requirements needed for the full project.

A discussion about the pilot project timeline, and how each County's records might be kept was had.

Commissioner McEachnie suggested getting in touch with the Utah Association of Counties for help, and said info could be gathered from all 29 counties at once in a County Assessors or Records session. Commissioner McConkie mentioned that Max Elliot may also be a good resource

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FHWA Report

Brigitte Mandel, FHWA Assistant Division Administrator, excused Ivan Marrero while he is on a six month rotational assignment, and noted that she will be filling in for him in the interim. She announced that FHWA's Executive Director, Jeff Paniati has retired and has appointed Tony Furst as Acting Executive Director until the position is filled.

She also announced that the STIP for 2016-2019 was approved by FTA and FHWA, and became effective October 1.

She said that FHWA is authorized for funding through October 29, and was able to provide \$24.5 million to UDOT.

She mentioned that Federal Highways has published a final rule to update the current versions for standard specifications and design standards, which will become effective November 12.

She also said FHWA is soliciting public comments on a proposed rule to revise 13 controlling criteria for design. It will also clarify when design exceptions are needed. Comments will be accepted through December 7. Carlos Braceras and Randy Park confirmed that UDOT has looked at and is supportive of what has been proposed, as it gives more flexibility than what's been had in the past.

Commission Committee Reports

Commissioner McConkie reported on the Regional Growth Committee meeting he attended. RTP for 2015-2040 amendments were released for public comment, and the Region Transportation Plan for 2019-2050 was discussed.

Commissioner Barlow said the Corridor Preservation Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting scheduled for October 1 was canceled due to lack of agenda items.

Commissioner Zeenati reported on the Dixie MPO Executive Council meeting.

Upcoming Transportation Commission Meetings

The next regular Utah Transportation Commission meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2015 in Hurricane. The following meeting will be held on December 11, 2015 in Salt Lake City.

The proposed 2016 meeting dates and locations, as well as plans for the STIP Workshop were briefly discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.



Heather Barthold, Commission Assistant